

ATTACHMENT B

STYLE COMMITTEE MEETING 7-19-06

DRAFT BALLOT LANGUAGE

The following draft language is provided below for each proposal:

- **Ballot Question** – Drafted here in the form of “Should....?”
- **Ballot Phrase** – In 1992, the ballot questions were actually in the form of phrases, not questions. Clerk’s office confirmed that we could use phrases instead of questions – it is up to the Commission to decide.
- **Reference Phrase** – Clerk’s office also suggested we draft a very short phrase describing each proposal. This could be used on the website or other materials, and the Clerk’s office would use it when printing out the vote count reports.

The following draft was prepared by staff as a starting point for discussion at the July 19, 2006 meeting of the Committee on Style.

PROPOSAL 1

Draft Ballot Question

Should the City Council’s power to reject Salary Commission recommendations be eliminated?

Draft Ballot Phrase

Eliminate City Council power to reject Salary Commission recommendations

Draft Reference Phrase

No Council rejection of Salary Commission

Draft Ballot Question – Version 2

Should the Salary Commission establish salaries without possibility of City Council veto?

Draft Ballot Phrase – Version 2

Make Salary Commission decisions final, without Council veto possibility

Draft Reference Phrase – Version 2

Salary Commission final decision

PROPOSAL 5

Draft Ballot Question

Should races with only two candidates be held in the General Election instead of the Primary Election?

Draft Ballot Phrase

Hold races with only two candidates in General Election

Draft Reference Phrase

Races with two candidates in General Election

PROPOSAL 27

Draft Ballot Question

Should the Liquor Control Administrator and Deputy Administrator be exempt from civil service provisions?

Draft Ballot Phrase

Exempt Liquor Control Administrator and Deputy Administrator from civil service

Draft Ballot Question – Version 2

Should the Liquor Control Administrator and Deputy Administrator be exempt from civil service provisions, and should the Liquor Commission appoint and set the salary of the Administrator?

Draft Ballot Phrase – Version 2

Exempt Liquor Control Administrator and Deputy Administrator from civil service and grant Liquor Commission authority to appoint and set salary of the Administrator

Draft Reference Phrase

Liquor Administrator exempt from civil service

PROPOSAL 28

Draft Ballot Question

Should the Ethics Commission have the authority to impose civil fines for ethics violations by elected officials?

Draft Ballot Phrase

Grant Ethics Commission authority to impose civil fines for ethics violations by elected officials

Draft Reference Phrase

Civil fines for ethics violations

Draft Ballot Question – Version 2 (“standards of conduct” instead of “ethics”)

Should the Ethics Commission have the authority to impose civil fines for violations of the standards of conduct by elected officials?

Draft Ballot Phrase – Version 2

Grant Ethics Commission authority to impose civil fines for violations of standards of conduct by elected officials

Draft Reference Phrase – Version 2

Civil fines for standards of conduct violations

PROPOSAL 33

Draft Ballot Question

Should the description of the powers, duties, and functions of the director of emergency services be revised?

Draft Ballot Phrase

Revise description of the powers, duties, and functions of the director of emergency services

Draft Reference Phrase

Emergency Services director description

Notes:

Add more detail with specifics on how it is revised?

Will this proposal be combined with Proposal 36?

PROPOSAL 34

Draft Ballot Question

Should capital budget appropriations lapse 12 months after the fiscal year, instead of the current 6 months?

Draft Ballot Phrase

Extend time for capital budget appropriations to lapse, from 6 months after the fiscal year to 12 months

Draft Reference Phrase

Extend time for capital funds

PROPOSAL 36

Draft Ballot Question

Should the description of the powers, duties, and functions of the Fire Chief be revised?

Draft Ballot Phrase

Revise description of the powers, duties, and functions of the Fire Chief

Draft Reference Phrase

Fire Chief description

Notes:

Add more detail with specifics on how it is revised?

Will this proposal be combined with Proposal 33?

PROPOSAL 55 Part 1

Draft Ballot Question – as drafted earlier

Should the current system of staggered council terms and council term limits be replaced by either Alternative A or Alternative B below?

Draft Ballot Question – Version 2 (shorter)

Should the current system of staggered council terms and council term limits be changed?

Draft Ballot Question – Version 3 (mention current 2 term limit)

Should the current system of staggered council terms and councilmembers' two-term limit be changed?

Draft Ballot Phrase – Version 1

Replace current system of staggered council terms and council term limits with either Alternative A or Alternative B below

Draft Ballot Phrase – Version 2

Change current system of staggered terms and term limits for city council

Draft Ballot Phrase – Version 3

Change current system of staggered terms and two-term limit for city council

Draft Reference Phrase

Change staggering and term limits

PROPOSAL 55 Part 2

Draft Ballot Question – as drafted earlier

If Charter Question X is approved by the voters at this election, which of the following two alternative proposals relating to terms of councilmembers do you favor? (Vote for Alternative A or Alternative B, but not for both proposals.)

- ALTERNATIVE A. Term limits for councilmembers and the staggering of councilmembers' terms shall be eliminated. In 2008, candidates running to represent the odd-numbered council districts shall be running to serve two-year terms. In 2010, and every four years thereafter, candidates for all council seats shall be running to serve four-year terms.
- ALTERNATIVE B. Councilmembers shall be limited to serving a maximum of three consecutive four-year terms, and the staggering of councilmember terms shall be eliminated. In 2008, candidates running to represent odd-numbered council districts shall be running to serve two-year terms. In 2010 and every four years thereafter, candidates for all council seats shall be running to serve four-year terms.

Draft Ballot Question – Version 2 (shorter)

If Charter Question X is approved, which proposal relating to councilmember terms should be adopted?

- ALTERNATIVE A. Term limits for councilmembers and the staggering of councilmembers' terms shall be eliminated.
- ALTERNATIVE B. Councilmembers shall be limited to serving a maximum of three consecutive four-year terms, and the staggering of councilmember terms shall be eliminated.

Draft Ballot Phrase

(A) Eliminate councilmember term limits and staggering; or (B) Limit councilmembers to three terms and eliminate staggering

Draft Reference Phrase

Two alternatives for term limits and staggering

Note: Voting options are normally "yes" or "no". Need to ask Clerk's office if we can change that to "A" or "B"

PROPOSAL 71

Draft Ballot Question

Should the powers, duties, and functions of the director of environmental services include comprehensive curbside recycling?

Draft Ballot Phrase

Include comprehensive curbside recycling in the powers, duties, and functions of the director of environmental services

Draft Reference Phrase

Curbside recycling

PROPOSAL 91

Draft Ballot Question

Should a minimum of one percent of annual property tax revenues be put into a special Clean Water, Natural Lands and Affordable Housing Fund, with half of the funds to be used for purchasing lands to protect clean water, open space, coastlines, and natural lands; and half of the funds to be used for building and maintaining affordable housing; and should the unspent revenues in this fund remain in the fund, and not lapse, thereby accumulating from year to year?

Draft Ballot Phrase

Put a minimum of one percent of annual property tax revenues into a special Clean Water, Natural Lands and Affordable Housing Fund, with half of the funds to be used for purchasing lands to protect clean water, open space, coastlines, and natural lands; and half of the funds to be used for building and maintaining affordable housing; and the unspent revenues in this fund would remain in the fund, and not lapse, thereby accumulating from year to year

Draft Ballot Question – Version 2 (shorter)

Should one percent of annual property tax revenues be appropriated to a fund for land conservation and affordable housing?

Draft Ballot Phrase – Version 2

Put one percent of annual property tax revenues into a fund for land conservation and affordable housing

Draft Reference Phrase

Land conservation and affordable housing fund

Notes:

KAUAI 2002 Ballot Language --

“Should a minimum of one-half of one percent of county property tax revenues be placed into a Public Access, Open Space, Natural Resources Preservation Fund to be used for purchasing lands or other property entitlements to preserve open space and establish public accesses, and should unspent revenues in this fund remain in the fund, and not lapse, thereby accumulating from year to year?”

MAUI 2002 Ballot Language --

“Should a minimum of one percent (1%) of the real property tax revenues be put each fiscal year into the Open Space, Natural Resources, Cultural Resources, and Scenic Views Preservation Fund to be used for purchasing lands or other property entitlements to preserve open space, and should the unspent revenues in this Fund remain in the Fund, and not lapse, thereby accumulating from year to year?”

PROPOSAL S-9

Draft Ballot Question

Should the powers, duties, and functions of the director of transportation services include bikeway systems, and should it be a priority of the department of transportation services to make Honolulu a pedestrian- and bicycle-friendly city?

Draft Ballot Phrase

Include bikeways in the duties of the director of transportation services; establish that it is a priority of the department of transportation services to make Honolulu a pedestrian- and bicycle-friendly city

Draft Reference Phrase

Bikeways; Pedestrian- and bicycle-friendly

PROPOSAL - HOUSEKEEPING COMBINATION

Proposals 35, 51, 75, 76, 78, S-6, S-10

Draft Ballot Question

Should the following housekeeping amendments be adopted?

- (a) Revise the powers, duties, and functions of the director of information technology
- (b) Include the director of customer services in the list of department heads to be appointed by the mayor with the advice and consent of the council and may be removed by the mayor
- (c) Include the Hawaii State Constitution prohibition on ethics commission members from taking active part in political campaigns
- (d) Delete the unconstitutional prohibition on political campaigning by police department employees
- (e) Delete the director of civil defense from the list of department heads to be appointed by the mayor with the advice and consent of the council and may be removed by the mayor
- (f) Delete the requirement of Social Security numbers on petitions for recall, ordinances by initiative, and charter amendments
- (g) Require public notices to be distributed via an electronic medium

Draft Ballot Phrase

Adopt housekeeping amendments:

- (a) Revise the powers, duties, and functions of the director of information technology
- (b) Include the director of customer services in the list of department heads to be appointed by the mayor with the advice and consent of the council and may be removed by the mayor
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Draft Reference Phrase

Housekeeping amendments